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Re: Application of: Chih-Ming Chen, et al.
Serial No.: 09/726,193
Filed: November 29, 2000
For: **Controlled Release Metformin Formulations**

BOX: MISSING PARTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 2, 2001

PETITION FOR EXTENSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated December 27, 2000 for two months from February 27, 2001 to April 27, 2001.

Enclosed please find a check for \$390.00 to cover the cost of the two (2) month extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,


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